

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 17 as follows:

B¹ The present invention provides methods and stretch removable adhesive articles that include a backing and a pressure sensitive adhesive layer disposed ~~thereon~~ thereon. The backing includes a central portion and a plurality of tapered terminal portions extending outwardly from the central portion.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 34, line 10 as follows:

B² FIG. 9A is a perspective view of one alternative tab construction in which a folded tab 94' is formed by creating two fold lines 93' and 95' in the backing 90'. The depicted tab 94' may be formed after locating the adhesive 98' on the backing 90' as depicted in FIG. 9A. The folded tab 94' may preferably be secured to the remainder of the backing ~~[[90]]~~ 90' proximate the outer fold line 95' to hold the tab 94' down until removal is desired. It may be preferred that the tab 94' be secured to the backing 90' along a line of attachment 96' across the width of the backing 90' proximate the outer fold line 95'. In addition, the tab 94' may also be secured to the backing 90' proximate the base fold line 93' along a line of attachment 92'.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 34, line 20 as follows:

B³ Although the lines of attachment are referred to as "lines," it will be understood that they may be provided as discrete points of attachment located along the lines described herein. In yet another alternative, discrete points of attachment may be dispersed over substantially all of the tab 94'. In still another alternative, substantially the entire tab 94' may be secured to the backing ~~[[90]]~~ 90'. In all cases, however, it may be preferred to provide a small portion of the tab 94' proximate the outer fold line 95' that is not secured to the backing to facilitate release of the tab 94' for grasping when removal is desired.